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1. Although 400,000 DME were spent for the total household budget of the East German Academy Institute for Medicine and Biology in December 1953, only 370,000 DME were made available for January 1954. The Institute is in financial difficulties. As of 1 January 1954, old bills amounting to 60,000 DME had not been paid. With the curtailed household budget there is no possibility of paying them in the near future.
2. The cut in funds for the Academy Institute is interpreted within the Institute circles as a result of an increasing loss of prestige of the head of the Institute, Professor Walter Friedrich. There are rumors that Friedrich will resign from his post as chief of Institute during 1954.

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